401 New Britain Road

1920

S & A Menditto

Bungalow influenced

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 119

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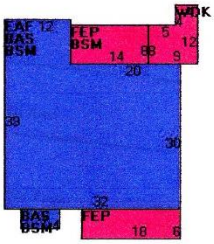
Sketch



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Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic): S.& A. Menditto House

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 401 New Britain Road 9-1/27/1

4. OWNER(S): Richard D. & Ayotte, Joan Mary " " Kensington 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Bungalow-influenced | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1920

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify) ____
☒ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☒ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ____ ☐ Cut stone Type: ____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☒ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify) ____

10. ROOF (Type)
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify) ____
(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ____ ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32' x 39'

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☒ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
Near Goss & Deleeuw factory.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The three right bays of the facade are protected by a framed-in porch with plain pilasters and triple casement windows flanking an entry door with a round-arched light. To the left is a semi-hexagonal bay with round-arched windows. The gable peak is covered with recent wood shingles; all other exterior walls are cobblestone. Windows are generally fitted with 1-over-1 sash. On the left elevation is a raised basement set off by the use of a darker mortar and two small shed-roofed dormers. At the right rear is a modern deck.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house was apparently built in 1922 by Salvatore and Addolorata Menditto, about whom little could be discovered. The lot was originally part of a large parcel owned by R. & H. Robbins. Louis Lanza, who bought and sold a good deal of real estate in this area, bought this lot from the Robbins estate and subsequently sold it to the builders.

Architecturally, the house is significant as an attractive vernacular interpretation of the Bungalow style, using the masonry construction favored by Italian builders in the early 20th century. The modest scale and massing of the gable-end-to-street variant of the Bungalow style can be seen. The picturesque appearance brought to the Bungalow style by the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement is achieved here through the extensive use of cobblestones, the use of round-arched windows, and the contrasting mortar of the raised basement.

SOURCES

Berlin Land Records 60:100 (1920)

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS